

Hawaii

Monthly Vegetables

A monthly summary of acreage, sales, and farm prices for Hawaii's major vegetables

Sweet Corn

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Plantings, acres harvested, average yield, total sales, and average farm prices.

Crop condition

Plantings across the State were in generally good condition. Mostly sunny skies and adequate irrigation or showers have been beneficial for crop growth.

June review

Statewide sales totaled 241,000 pounds in June, up 4 percent from May and 22 percent higher than a year ago.

Sales of locally-grown sweet corn totaled 1.1 million pounds for the first six months of 2000, a 96-percent increase compared to the same period last year. The main reason for this large percentage increase is a step up in planting activity on the

islands of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii that started during the middle of 1999.

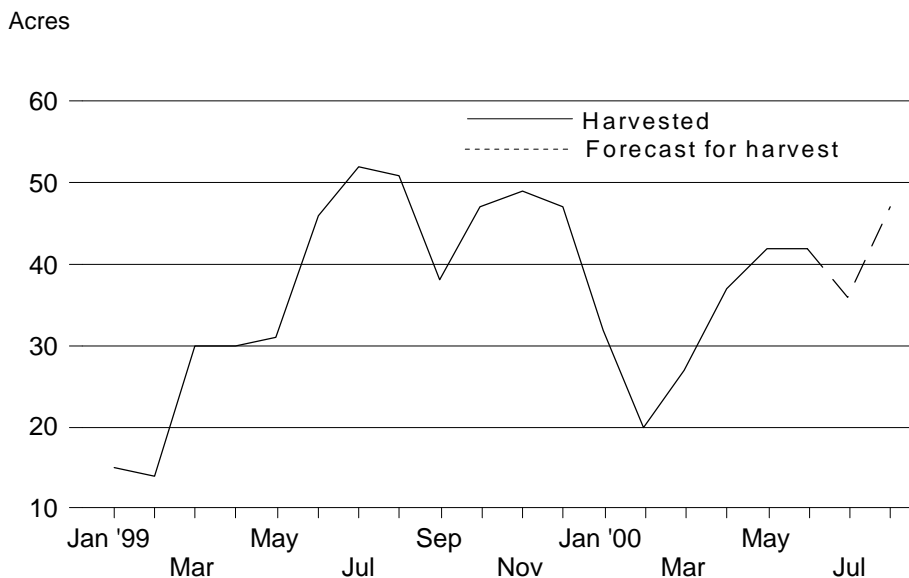
Farm prices averaged 54.8 cents per pound in June, down 5 percent from May's average farm price of 57.5 cents per pound. Farmers report a sluggish market and imported sweet corn have adversely affected sales.

Outlook

Harvested acreage is forecast to total 36 acres in July, 14 percent less acreage than June. Some of the decline in acreage is a reaction by farmers to a slow market.

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State of Hawaii



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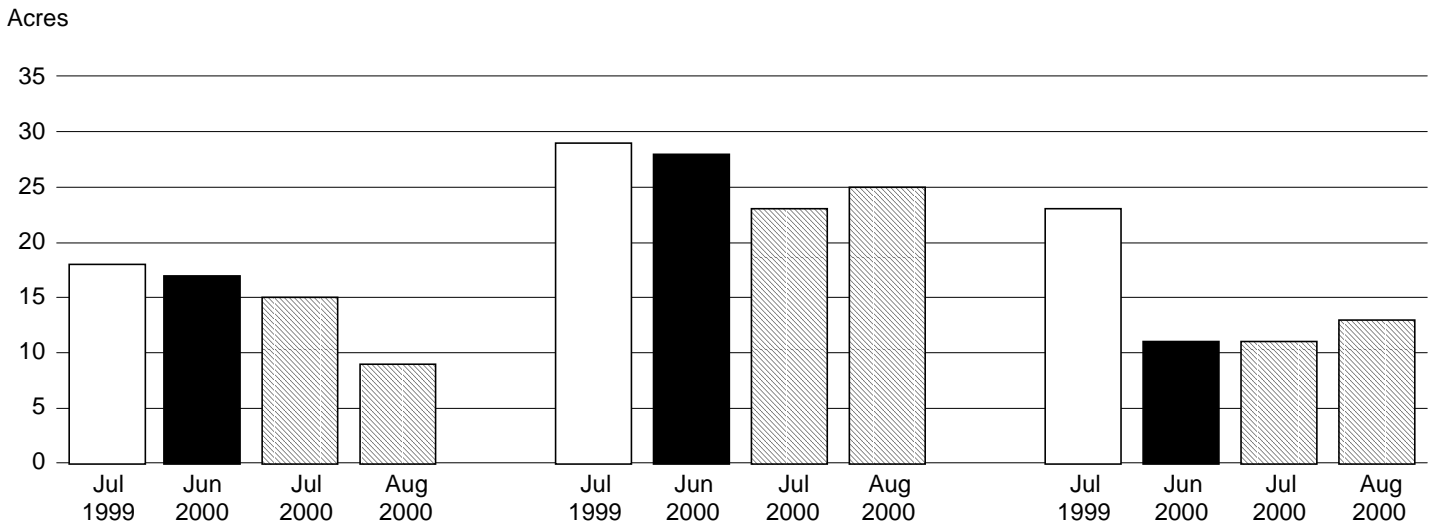
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Crop highlights

Crop conditions, acres harvested, and acres intended to be harvested for selected vegetables, State of Hawaii.

Acres harvested year ago
 Acres harvested
 Acres intended for harvest



Snap Beans

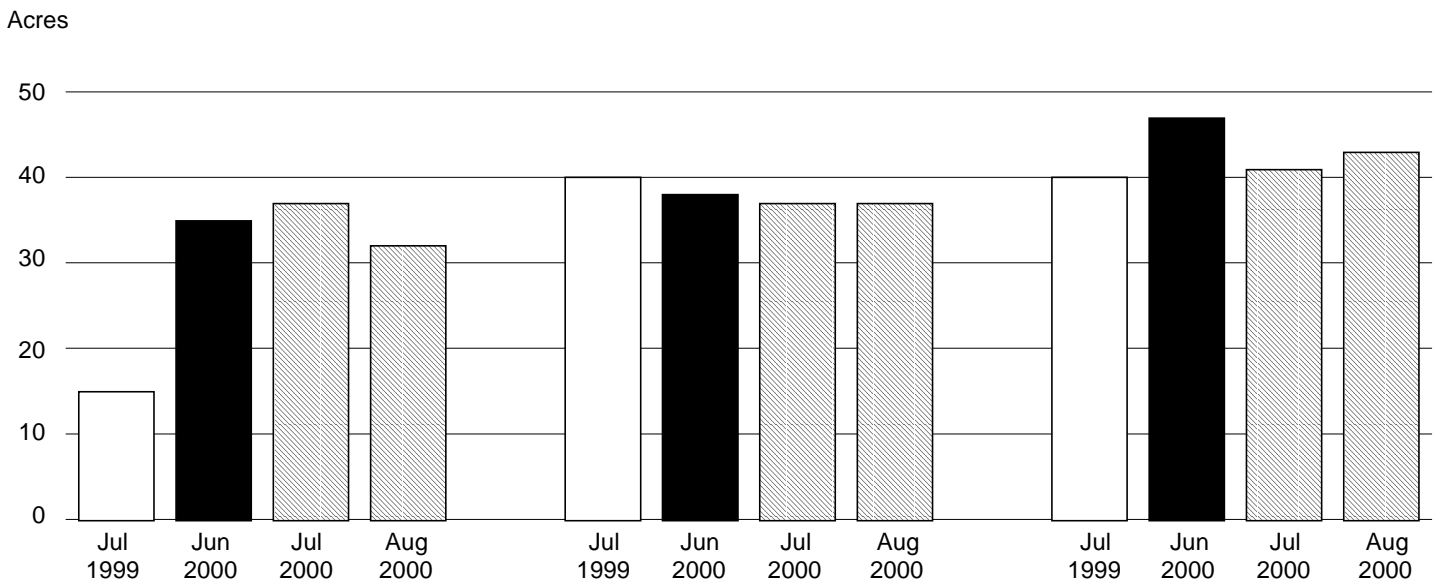
Crop conditions ranged from fair to good. A favorable mixture of sunshine and showers have resulted in good growth. Insect and disease damages were relatively light, although increasing pressure was noticed in the drier areas.

Chinese Cabbage

Crop conditions were fair to good. Insect damage was increasing in some areas, but were kept in check with regular spraying. Heavy irrigation was offsetting some of the dryness and warm temperatures.

Romaine

Warming conditions have resulted in fair growth. Insect infestations have increased in most areas. Disease was also a problem in some fields. Heavy irrigation was necessary to maintain crop progress.



Dry onion

Crop conditions were fair to good. Bulb quality remains good, and a decrease in size has aided marketing. Harvesting is expected to decline on Oahu.

Cucumbers

Crop conditions were mostly fair. A few fields were in good or poor condition depending on recent weather conditions. Harvesting was very active, but a slow market has hampered sales.

Head cabbage

Crop conditions ranged from fair to good. Warmer temperatures were offset in some areas by afternoon cloudiness and showers. Irrigation was heavy in all areas. An increase in disease was noticed in some fields.

June statistics

Total acres, harvested acres, average yield, total sales, and average farm prices for 13 selected vegetables with January-to-date totals, State of Hawaii.

Crop	Total acres on July 1 st	June 2000				January-to-date sales		
		Acres harvested	Average yield ^{1/}	Total sales	Average farm price	1999	2000	Change
			<i>1,000 lbs per acre</i>	<i>1,000 lbs</i>	<i>Cents per lb.</i>	<i>----- 1,000 lbs -----</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Beans, snap	24	17	6.0	102	72.2	460	612	33
Cabbage, Chinese	50	28	19.3	540	22.8	3,655	3,800	4
Cabbage, head	90	47	28.3	1,330	17.8	7,344	7,851	7
Cabbage, mustard	23	15	5.9	89	40.3	834	722	-13
Corn, sweet	105	42	5.7	241	54.8	561	1,099	96
Cucumbers	69	38	13.2	502	35.3	2,872	2,877	0
Lettuce, head	19	8	11.3	90	39.6	584	507	-13
Lettuce, semi-head	8	5	7.0	35	59.9	259	194	-25
Onions, dry	153	35	19.3	675	56.9	1,706	2,887	69
Onions, green	32	14	9.6	134	84.2	838	703	-16
Peppers, green	2/	19	11.2	213	52.3	1,397	1,425	2
Romaine	24	11	11.5	126	42.0	1,743	1,251	-28
Tomatoes	2/	64	22.3	1,427	46.3	8,955	7,511	-16

^{1/} Total sales divided by acres harvested. ^{2/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Acreage summary

Monthly new plantings, acres harvested, and acres for harvest for 13 selected vegetables, State of Hawaii.

Crop	New acres planted			Acres harvested			Acres for harvest	
	Apr 2000	May 2000	Jun 2000	Apr 2000	May 2000	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 2000
Beans, snap	15	16	12	24	18	17	15	9
Cabbage, Chinese	26	25	26	27	25	28	23	25
Cabbage, head	45	43	43	44	39	47	41	43
Cabbage, mustard	14	14	15	10	13	15	15	10
Corn, sweet	43	43	42	37	42	42	36	47
Cucumbers	37	37	35	39	41	38	37	37
Lettuce, head	8	10	10	12	13	8	10	10
Lettuce, semi-head	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Onions, dry	61	34	40	61	29	35	37	32
Onions, green	14	14	14	13	13	14	14	14
Peppers, green	1/	1/	1/	20	19	19	1/	1/
Romaine	17	12	13	12	17	11	11	13
Tomatoes	1/	1/	1/	58	64	64	1/	1/

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Based on plantings, Hawaii's sweet corn farmers are forecast to harvest 47 acres in August, up 31 percent from July. Weather and market conditions, however, will determine how much acreage is ultimately harvested in August.

July and August are typically the peak production months of the year for sweet corn. A combination of good growing conditions, special holidays, and increased outdoor eating help to boost sales during this period.

SWEET CORN: Monthly fresh sales, 1999 and 2000 State of Hawaii

